



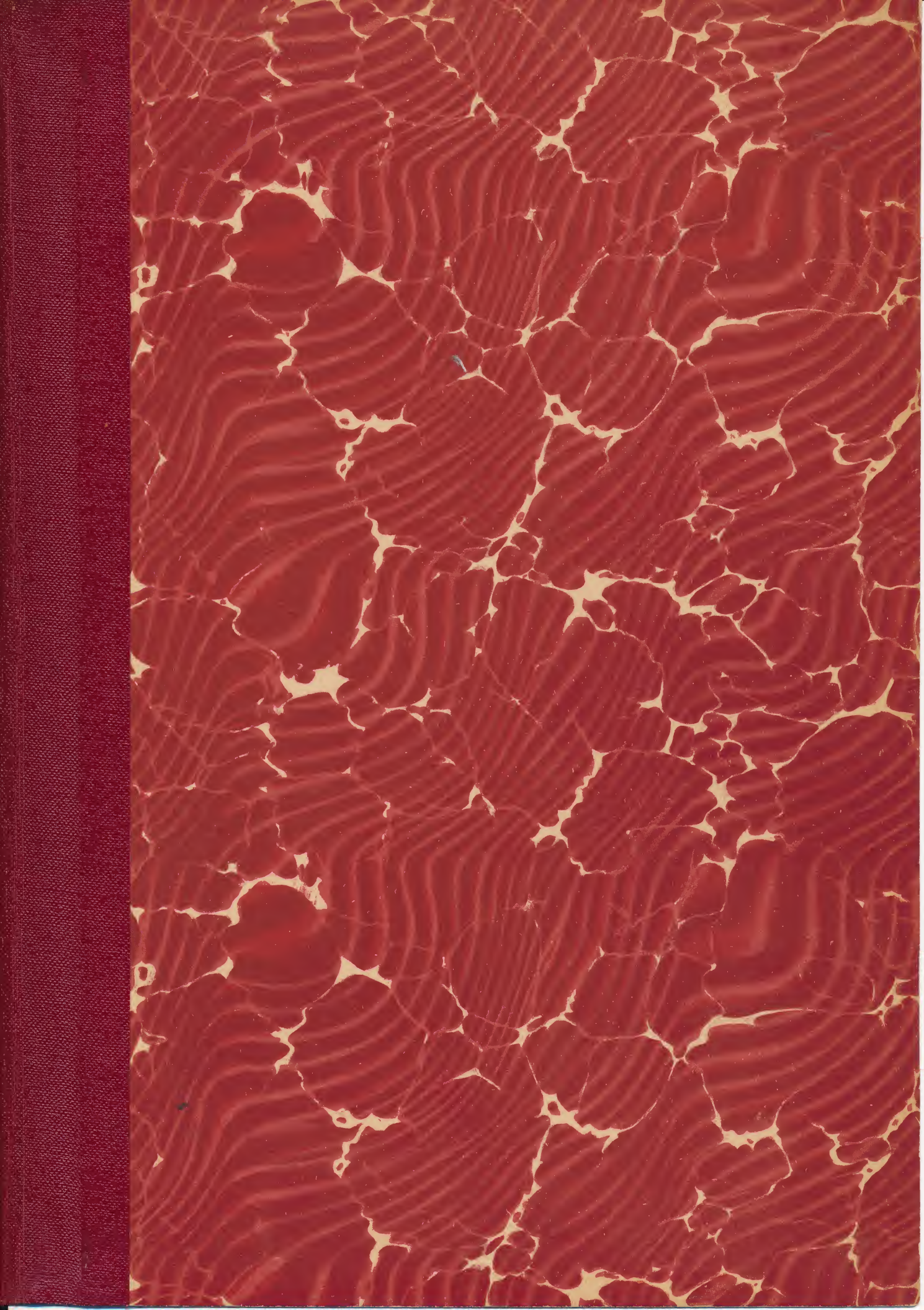


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Berwyn Ernest Brown







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Berwyn Ernest Brown was born in Garrett, Indiana, near Ft. Wayne, June 21, 1915, the son of Ernest J. and Inez Geisinger Brown, the father of Scotch and the mother of Pennsylvania Dutch descent. They were also the parents of Dorothy, who, at the time of this writing in 1944, resides in Dayton, Ohio.

Berwyn attended school in Garrett through the twelve grades and then matriculated at Purdue University from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in June 1937.

Mr. Brown then came to Kalamazoo, Michigan, and accepted a position with the Upjohn Company, where he remained until April 1941. He had been commissioned a Reserve Officer in the armed forces of the United States while in Purdue University and received his commission as First Lieutenant in April 1941, when he was sent to Camp Livingstone, Louisiana, and remained until August 1942. He was then sent to Fort Bliss, Texas, and from there overseas to North Africa in April 1943 and was in training there until



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succeeded a position with the Wisconsin Company, where  
he remained until April 1951. He had been previously  
named a Research Officer in the same position of the  
United States Office in the Wisconsin University and received  
his commission as Chief Scientist in April 1951.  
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until August 1951. He was then sent to  
Fort Bliss, Texas, and the same position in North  
Texas in April 1952 and was in training there until

the invasion of Sicily, in which he participated and went on into Italy with the Chemical Warfare Service with the 3rd Chemical Bn. He was killed in action January 12, 1944. The company he was with was supporting a French unit that was attacking German positions and Lieutenant Brown was killed by a dive bomber during an enemy bombardment. He was buried in an American cemetery with prayer and appropriate ceremony.

Ten days before Lieutenant Brown went into service, on Easter day, April 13, 1941, he was married by the Reverend George A. Osborne, then pastor of the Simpson Methodist Church, to Miss Alice M. Thomas, who was born in Houghton county, Michigan, July 28, 1914. Miss Thomas was graduated from Houghton high school in 1931 and from Bronson Hospital School of Nursing in 1935, after which she worked for Dr. W. G. Hoebeke for six years until her marriage.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Brown are the parents of a daughter, Margaret Ann, born [REDACTED].

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In personal appearance Lieutenant Brown was five feet ten inches tall and weighed about one hundred fifty five pounds with brown hair and hazel



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pastor of the Episcopal Methodist Church, at 1115  
E. Thomas, who was born in Brighton county, Virginia,  
July 20, 1914. His family was graduated from

Washington High School in 1935 and from Southern  
Theological Seminary in 1938, after which he  
worked for Dr. W. C. Coker for six years until his  
departure.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Brown are the parents of a  
daughter, Barbara Ann, born December 1, 1942.

In June, 1941, Mrs. Brown went to Washington and  
was with her husband until he was overseas.  
In personal appearance Lieutenant Brown was  
five feet ten inches tall and weighed about one  
hundred fifty five pounds with brown hair and hazel

eyes. He liked to hunt and fish and was a member of the Revolver Club. He was also active in the Reserve Officers club in Kalamazoo. He enjoyed bowling and was a member of the Upjohn bowling team. Tennis was a game which he enjoyed.

Lieutenant Brown was of a quiet, retiring nature, but was cordial and his smiling face always greeted his many friends. He was fond of music and especially appreciated that which was good. He played the piano and the cornet.

He was a collector of guns. His first one was bought after he began work at Upjohn's. Various other articles were included in his collections, such as the bullet which had killed a bear and another that had killed a deer.

Lieutenant Brown was very particular about his dress and always kept himself immaculate. He liked to read magazines of a scientific nature and was a member of the Monday Night club of the First Presbyterian Church. He and Mrs. Brown were members of The Methodist Church.

The following letter was written by the Lieutenant to his little daughter:

December 17, 1943

My dearest darling Peggy:

I wanted to write to you on your birthday, but





it was impossible for me to do so. I really didn't forget you at all. You're really getting to be quite a big girl now, from what Mommy writes me. I wish I could have been there all the past year to see you grow, and do what little I could to help you. I guess that by the time I do get to see you, you'll be walking everywhere and can tell me everything that has happened.

I do want you to be a good girl and mind Mother, because all she tells you will be an effort to help you. I know from my experience with her that she has excellent judgment, and will never advise you wrongly. I hope that I will be able to come back to you fairly soon, to be with you and enjoy you, as well as to participate in furthering your education and training.

At the present time your Daddy is kept pretty busy here in Italy, doing what he can to bring this trouble to an end, so that we can all have peace and quiet again. I know that you and Mommy have never seen or experienced the troubles and sorrows that the people here have had. Before too long, we hope to end much of that misery, and make it such that you never will have to experience it. A delayed "Happy Birthday" to you.

All my dearest love,  
Your Dad.

The following is a letter received by Mrs. Brown from a fellow officer of Lieutenant Brown's when he was serving with the 32nd Division in Louisiana. He is at present stationed with the 32nd Division in New Guinea:

12 March 1944  
New Guinea

Dear Alice,

Many of my buddies and friends have given their lives in this war. Many of them very close to





me. But the news of Berwyn was the greatest shock of all. Berwyn was the first and one of the best friends I made in the army. He was responsible for getting me started in this Division. I'll always remember him as a grand person and a true friend.

The world has lost much. Words at a time like this can do little but let me extend my deepest sympathy. I'm truly sorry. God bless you Alice. Please call on me if there is ever anything I can do.

Sincerely,

Elmer

The following is a letter Mrs. Brown received from her cousin who is a Lieutenant in the Ordnance Division of the United States Army. His name is Leslie O. Oates and he formerly resided in Kalamazoo:

14 February 1944

Dear Al:

Your mother and Bruce sent me the sad news of Berwyn, and told me how bravely you are taking it. I find it hard to believe that he has left us.

Some people buy bonds to help the war effort, some think they are doing their part by giving up steaks and by getting along on an "A" card; you have given up the nicest husband that I know of. You have made the highest civilian contribution toward the cause we are fighting for. Berwyn made the highest military contribution so that his daughter could be raised in a better world.

It doesn't seem that anything we can gain is worth that price to you and the other wives and families who have paid so much more than your rightful share.

Some people say that we treasure an item, not because of its intrinsic value, but in proportion to the cost. I sincerely hope that





some day you, Margaret Annand the Browns, get a fair return on this unselfish investment that you have made.

Berwyn built a monument for himself in peoples hearts as he went along with his cheerful smile, pleasant ways and kind deeds. We who knew him are proud to say that he is our friend.

If there is anything I can do for you, such as looking up any regulations, or anything else, please let me know.

Love  
Les

Mrs. Brown also received a letter from The Upjohn Company, a copy of which is below:

March 30, 1944

Mrs. Berwyn Brown  
1228 Forbes Street  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Brown:

Because of the report that your husband has lost his life in the service of our country, may we express to you and your family our very real sympathy in your bereavement. Berwyn was a valued and highly respected member of our organization.

We know that what is a loss to us is a sacrifice for you as well as for him. Our chief bond of sympathy lies in the belief that this loss and sacrifice, great as they may seem now, will have still greater meaning in the achievement of a final peace which will benefit the whole world.

We extend our continued good wishes to you and yours.

Very sincerely,

THE UPJOHN COMPANY

Dr. L. N. Upjohn





The following is another letter received by  
Mrs. Brown:

HEADQUARTERS THIRD CHEMICAL BATTALION  
Office of the Chaplain  
APO # 464, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

4 February 1944

Mrs. Alice M. Brown  
1228 Forbes Street  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Brown:

The loss of your husband, Lt. Berwyn E. Brown (O-351885), came as a great shock to us. He was not only a capable officer, and our comrade in arms but a personal and treasured friend as well.

Soon after Christmas, at a service in a house where there was a piano, Lt. Brown played for our song service. How we enjoyed the music that day! Though the piano was poor, he played the hymns well and the service was greatly enhanced.

That you may have the courage and strength necessary to carry on, and that you may receive the comfort and consolation that only the Heavenly Father can give, is our prayer. You have in this hard trial our deepest sympathy, as it comes from hearts that know and understand.

Sincerely,

James T. Bolding  
Chaplain

A V - Mail letter received by Mrs. Brown reads  
as follows:

Dear Alice:

29 February 44

I've tried to write this letter several times in the last six weeks, but didn't because I couldn't - and wasn't allowed to.





Not even the Chaplains are allowed to write letters of sympathy. That is the reason no one has written you.

It is hard for me to write of anyone I know - and doubly hard when that one was a friend like Berwyn - the closest friend I've had in the Army.

Berwyn's job was one of those vital, sometimes uninteresting ones - getting food and ammunition to the men - trying to keep them warm and dry - evacuating the sick, and he died doing just that. A dive bomber swooped down on the rubble of a nameless Italian town. He died in the middle of a sentence and his last smile remained on his face.

I was present when he was buried decently and with a prayer in an American cemetery.

And so he is gone - and will not be remembered long here, because that is the way of soldiers. But some of us will always remember a cheerful face, a good word and a stout heart. To us he is Berwyn Ernest Brown - and not a number on a casualty list, because - he was a man. Others of a different nation thought enough of him to award him the Croix de Guerre.

God knows I wish I could help you - but I can't. It's your battle alone. But somehow, somewhere, he will know and be pleased when Peggy Ann develops into the woman he wants her to be. He gave his life that she might have the opportunity. The rest is up to you.

Marshall Fallwell





The American Legion Kalamazoo Gazette overseas cigaret fund committee sent in September and October 1943 1800 cartons of cigarettes to men and women overseas as a Christmas remembrance. Lieutenant Brown received his cigarettes and expressed his appreciation in a letter dated January 6, 1944, and addressed to Sid Isaac, chairman of the committee, as follows:

"The carton of cigarettes sent me through The Gazette and the Legion was received a few days ago and was much appreciated. When one is this far from home it is mighty nice to be remembered, and especially at such a time as Christmas.

"There is little news I can write; in fact, you probably are better informed as to the whole picture than am I. However, I can say that I have seen parts of Africa, and participated in the Sicilian invasion, and am now getting more or less a worm's eye view of Italy.

"We had a half-day of sunshine on Christmas, and a white New Year's. Now we're back on our regular schedule of rain, wet snow, and oceans of mud. The latter slows up 'production; but we still manage to keep things rolling, despite Jerries' evident displeasure. His occasional SS's and 150's, combined with water-filled slit trenches make one realize the seriousness of the situation. However, we know that our co-ordinated effort here will result in complete attainment of our goal, provided that the above-mentioned seriousness is fully realized by all back home, so that we won't be let down back there. Jerry is a tough, well-trained soldier who is putting up a hard fight, but who can and will be licked by hard work and sacrifice. Keep up the good work there, and we'll do our best here that we may soon return to the best place in the world."





The last letter received by Mrs. Brown from  
her husband reads as follows:

Italy, January 6 1944

Dearest Al and Peggy:

Picked up this stationary in a wrecked house we're staying in so thought I'd try it out. We're really lucky, as we have a big stone house with three fireplaces to live in. It's big enough for all the company rear echelon, truck drivers and cooks, and supply set up. Gives me a good place to sort out and break down supplies as well as a warm place to live. It's really winter here now. Ground is frozen and have a little snow, about an inch. It melts and then snows more. They have 4 or 5 inches on the mountains. Quite windy here now. Guess I told you in my last letter that I sent you \$100.00. I've also sent you a wooden box of excess clothes. Keep everything for me. Also, have you received two boxes of guns yet? I have never received a letter saying you had. Your mail is coming through all mixed up. I got your Dec. 7 letter last nite and a Nov. 28th from May Wivell. Tell her thanks a lot for the Readers Digest subscription. Also Bruce and June for the Life Magazine. Believe they are the ones responsible. Tell the Simpson Minister I got his card and note. Chaplain Bolding held protestant services here in my "office", today. There is an old piano here, so I played for him and the boys during the short service. Three or four keys don't work and my fingers are all thumbs, but he said it sounded OK. Had fun last nite on it, picking out tunes. It was a good piano at one time. Am feeling fine. Hope you all are. I miss you a lot and wish I could be back there with you. Don't worry about me as my job keeps me in relatively safe places, and I always "keep my chin up and my head down."

No more room or news. All my dearest love,

Berwyn





Edward Lakin Brown





EDWARD LAKIN BROWN

1888 - 1941

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Edward Lakin Brown, born December 8, 1888, was the son of Addison Makepeace and Mollie Earl Brown of Schoolcraft, Michigan. He was named Lakin for his grandfather, Ebenezer Lakin Brown, who was born on Saturday, April 16, 1809, son of Thomas Page and Sally Parker Brown, and was married (1) January 5, 1837, to Amelia Scott, who died in Schoolcraft, Michigan, October 9, 1848; (2) September 21, 1852, Mary Ann Miles, who was born in Hinesburgh, Vermont, January 14, 1822, and died in 1906.

Ebenezer Lakin Brown settled in Schoolcraft, Michigan, in 1831. He and Amelia Scott Brown were the parents of: (1) Lakin Brown, who died June 14, 1842; (2) Amelia Ada, born April 23, 1844, died July 30, 1918, with her cousin Ella Thomas and one other, was a committee to select the first books for the Ladies Library of Schoolcraft, Michigan; she was graduated from Kalamazoo College in 1863; (3) Edward Lakin Brown, born June 1, 1846, died July 3, 1848.

Ebenezer Lakin Brown and Mary Ann Miles Brown became the parents of: (1) Edward Miles Brown, born





July 21, 1854, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy magna cum laude from Gottingen University, studied in other German Universities, taught one year in Cornell University and became Professor of English in the University of Cincinnati until 1906, when he was retired on a pension from the Carnegie Foundation until September 14, 1908, when he died; (2) George Lakin Brown, born March 27, 1856, died October 12, 1860; (3) Addison Makepeace Brown, born February 15, 1859, received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan in 1883, was the Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture and of the Michigan Agricultural College from 1902 until 1922, and was State Senator in 1899; was married to Mollie Earl, October 29, 1885, who was born February 9, 1859, daughter of John Earl of Schoolcraft, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Addison Makepeace Brown became the parents of the following children, all born in Schoolcraft: (1) Hearty Earl Brown, born November 4, 1886, received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from the University of Michigan, then taught in Kansas University; married August 18, 1919, Carl Ferdinand Nelson, who was born in Morlunda, Sweden, received the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Medicine and resides in Lawrence,





Kansas; (2) Edward Lakin Brown, the subject of this writing; (3) Dorothy Brown, born February 3, 1891, received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Michigan, married Winfield Riefler December 5, 1924, resided in Washington, District of Columbia, for a time and now holds the chair of Social Science in Princeton University; (4) Malcolm Makepeace Brown, born September 28, 1893, received the degree of Bachelor of Science from the Michigan Agricultural College, married Lorena Hooze December 3, 1923, and resides in her native town of Martinsburg, West Virginia; (5) Pamela Brown, born July 6, 1902, received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan and is engaged in important work for the Federal Government in Washington, District of Columbia, as a statistician.

Edward Lakin Brown, the subject of this writing, attended the public school in Schoolcraft, Michigan, until he was twelve years of age, when the family moved to Lansing, Michigan, his father having been elected State Senator. Lakin was graduated from the Lansing high school and later from the Michigan Agricultural College, the name of which was later changed to Michigan State College. Edward Lakin specialized in animal husbandry and was graduated in 1910, shortly before his twenty-second birth-day.



January (1) Short Laine Green, was subject of this  
 writing (2) Green's Green, born February 2, 1871,  
 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, Master of  
 Arts and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of  
 Michigan, married Elizabeth Green December 2, 1894,  
 resided in Washington, District of Columbia, for a  
 time and was with the staff of Social Science in  
 Princeton University; (3) Green's Green, born  
 June September 20, 1885, received the degree of  
 Bachelor of Science from the Michigan Agricultural  
 College, married Emma Green December 4, 1905, and  
 resides in her native town of Berlin, Maryland; (4)  
 Green's (1) Green's Green, born July 4, 1905,  
 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the  
 University of Michigan and is engaged in research  
 work for the Federal Government in Washington,  
 District of Columbia, as a statistician.  
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 attended the public schools in Berlin, Maryland,  
 until he was twelve years of age, when the family  
 moved to Lansing, Michigan, the father having been  
 elected State Senator. Laine was graduated from  
 the Lansing High School and later from the Michigan  
 Agricultural College, the name of which was later  
 changed to Michigan State College. Short Laine  
 specialized in animal husbandry and was graduated in  
 1910, shortly before his twenty-second birthday.

The young man had not been especially attracted to being a farmer, but to please his father he went back to Schoolcraft to renovate the homestead and build up the soil of the three hundred and seventy acres, divided into two farms with the house located on Eliza street within the village limits. The results showed the value of his scientific training from which the surrounding farmers also profited by consulting him concerning their farm problems.

October 29, 1915, Edward Lakin Brown was married to Miss Blanche Victoria Jackson of Kalamazoo, Michigan. They began housekeeping in the farm home at Schoolcraft in which he had been born and which had been in the Brown family for many years. They became the parents of: (1) Mollie Jacqueline, born October 2, 1916, attended George Washington University in Washington, District of Columbia, received the degree of Bachelor of Science from Western Michigan College of Education and secured a position as Correspondent for the Kellogg Nurseries at Three Rivers, Michigan; (2) Addison Lakin, born [REDACTED], attended Western Michigan College of Education for two years and received his degree from Michigan State College in 1941; enlisted in the armed forces of his country in August, 1941, is stationed, at the





time of this writing in 1942, at Dover, Delaware, on patrol duty from the air base, and holds the office of lieutenant in the Air Corps; was married June 3, 1942, to Miss Caroline Jones of Dearborn, Michigan; (3) Esther Makepeace, born January 6, 1920, was graduated from the Schoolcraft high school and died after a short illness July 19, 1938; (4) Garry Ildridge, born August 12, 1923, attended Michigan State College for a time and is now a student at Kalamazoo College.

Mr. Edward Lakin Brown served his village for a time as councilman. For three years he was an appraiser for the Federal Land Bank of St. Paul, Minnesota, and for several years he was Farm Security Manager for thirteen counties. He worked on the Republican County Committee and served on the Federal Grand Jury. He was also a member of the Elks lodge in Kalamazoo. However, Mr. Brown's major interests were always in his home and farms, the very soil of which he came to regard as most precious and the feel of the "good earth" warmed his heart. As the years went on he found his life's contentment in the good things of the land. He tended his herd of dairy cattle with scientific precision and all his work was characterized by skill and accuracy.





All who knew Mr. Brown recognized his integrity, his honesty. He was a true husband and a loyal citizen. He never had the "busy complex." Absorbed as he was with many duties, he was one of those rare souls who had time. Time never possessed him; he possessed it. He had time for his friends, to counsel with them in business affairs, to sorrow with them in their sorrows; time for his home and his children. Many men of lesser worth were too busy. He had time. His death was caused by that very attribute.

Driving into Kalamazoo December 13, 1941, to take his wife and daughter to dinner, Mrs. Brown saw a truck without lights standing partly across the road ahead and called her husband's attention to it. He stopped his car and got out to help. Other cars soon arrived and he secured the assistance of their drivers to remove the truck from blocking the traffic. When this was accomplished and the other cars were going on into the night, Mr. Brown turned toward his own car when a north-bound automobile, travelling at such speed that the driver could not stop, struck him and he was instantly killed.

In personal appearance Mr. Brown was of a dark complexion with dark hair and eyes. He was about



five feet ten inches in height and weighed about 230 pounds. He was a ready conversationalist with a fine vocabulary. His life exemplified his creed, that of service to his fellow men.

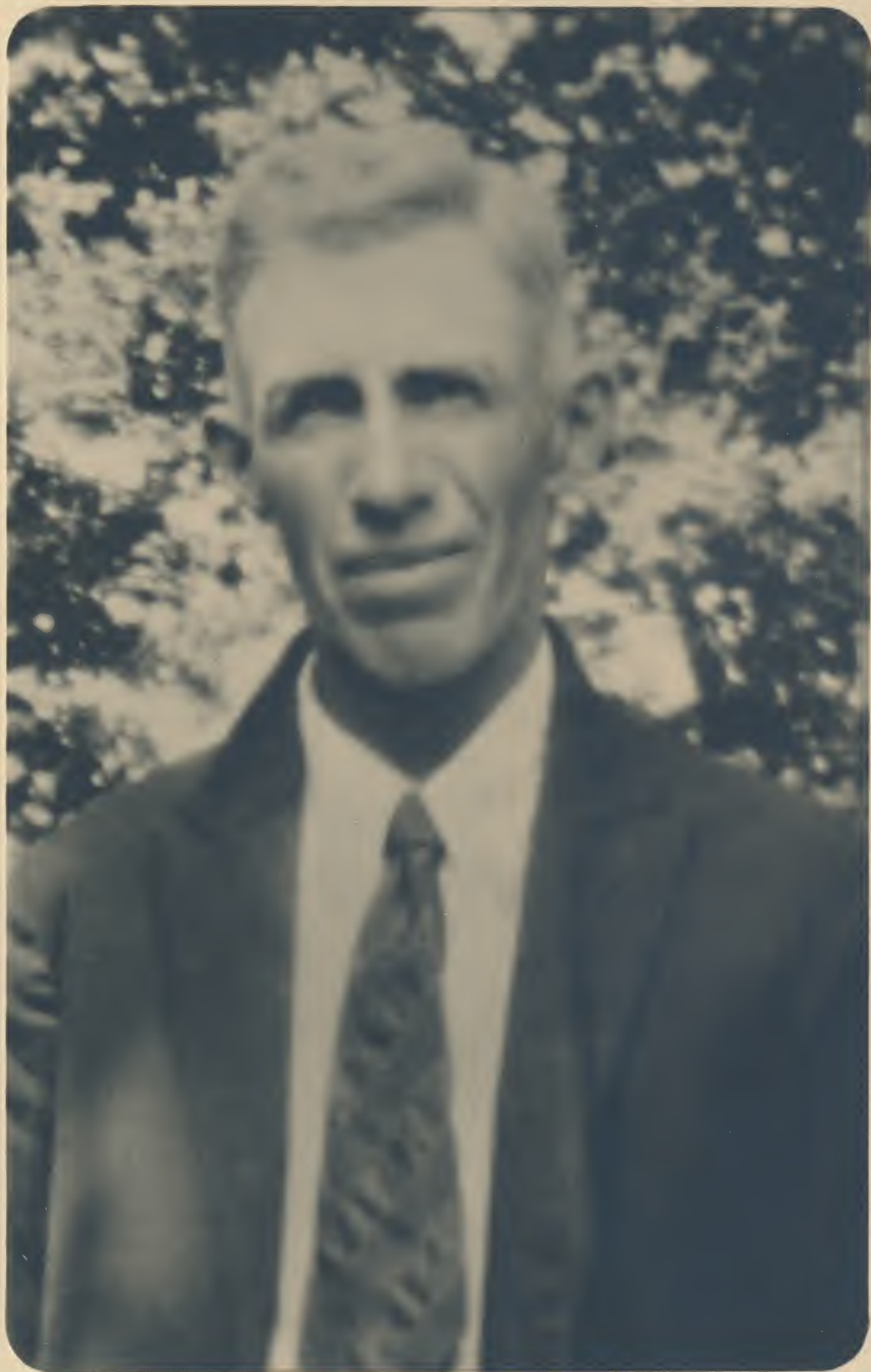
The funeral service was conducted by the Reverend Frank Wright, pastor of The Methodist Church in Schoolcraft.

A man's life is more significant than the incident of his death. Greatly as his passing changes the lives of his family, the life of Edward Lakin Brown, cut off though it was in the prime of his splendid manhood, was of more importance than his death. He met life's expectations and requirements "to walk humbly, love mercy and deal justly."





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Frank Ellis Brown





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Frank Ellis Brown was born April 5, 1869, about one mile east of Richland, Michigan, on a farm on the north side of M 89 on section thirteen, across the road from the house where he died. He was the son of Rosetta Harriet Nevins and Samuel Mills Brown of English and Irish descent. He attended school at Richland and took a course in Parson's Business College in Kalamazoo.

January 18, 1907, Mr. Brown married Zoebeide Marian Peck and they were the parents of:

Ellis M., born July 11, 1908, married Naomi Chavez, resides in Chicago, Ill.;

Mary Elizabeth, born April 11, 1914, married Gordon Brown, resides in Richland;

Hale Samuel, born March 19, 1921, is a student in Richland high school.

Mr. Frank E. Brown spent all his life on the farm on the same section of Richland township, first in his father's house on the north side of M 89 and then in his own home on the south side.

Mr. Brown became actively interested in poli-



tical matters and was a Republican. For the last twenty-seven years of his life he served intermittently upon the board of supervisors, and also had been elected to every township office except justice of the peace and township clerk.

He was elected supervisor of Richland township in April 1932, to succeed Austin B. Read, who had been appointed to fill out the unexpired term of James Telfer, supervisor of the township at the time of his death late in 1931. Mr. Brown was not a candidate in 1933 and Hugh A. Sheffield was elected that year. In the spring of 1934, Mr. Brown was again elected supervisor and served until his death.

As a member of the board of supervisors he served on the following committees: the county poor, township, highways and bridges, livestock and soils, and mother's pensions, equalization, drainage, printing, and county law library. One year he was chairman of the county poor committee.

At one time Mr. Brown belonged to the Odd Fellows and once was commander of the Maccabees, which he joined as a charter member. He was interested in travelling and visiting historical places.

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Death came to Mr. Brown January 2, 1939.  
The funeral was conducted by the Reverend A. C.  
Lien, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church  
in Kalamazoo, assisted by the Reverend H. J.  
Bonnema, pastor of the Richland Presbyterian  
Church. Burial was in the Richland cemetery.

Written in 1939.





Joseph Emerson Brown and Constance Reed Brown



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C O N S T A N C E   R E E D   B R O W N

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Joseph Emerson Brown was born in Canton, Georgia, September 28, 1865, the son of James R., and Harriett Lewis Brown. He was named for his uncle who was Civil War Governor of Georgia, and numbered among his treasured possessions several personal effects of Governor Brown, including about \$15,000 in cancelled Georgia bonds of the Civil War period. The Lewis family were French Huguenots and his father was of Scotch Irish descent. The mother, Harriett Frances Lewis, was a descendant of Fielding Lewis, a brother of the Lewis who made the Lewis and Clark expedition. Fielding Lewis married a cousin of George Washington.

Mr. Brown had one sister, Frances, who married George B. DuBois and resides at 215 Raymond street, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Mr. Joseph E. Brown attended school in Canton, Georgia, and was graduated from the Dahlonga Military College at Dahlonga, Georgia. In June





1887, he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Mercer University, at Macon, Georgia.

His first business affiliation after completing his university training was in the wholesale and retail stationery business in Atlanta, Georgia. He later became associated in the wholesale manufacturing of shoes, continuing in that business for about three years, when he had a disastrous fire. About that time Heber C. Reed of Kalamazoo died and Mr. Brown came to Kalamazoo, having disposed of his business interests in Georgia to his partner. When he came to Kalamazoo he did not expect to stay, but he became interested in business prospects and purchased stocks in various companies in order to become a director and made his home in Kalamazoo from that time.

October 6, 1903, he was married to Constance Reed, daughter of Heber C., and Emma Cameron Reed and grand daughter of DeWitt Clinton Reed. She was born in the residence where the Portage Street school building now stands, in 1940. Heber C. Reed invented the spring tooth harrow and manufactured it. He was the founder of Recreation park and was a noted horseman. Her maternal grandfather was Alexander Cameron, whose home was on the present





site of the Kalamazoo Gazette building. Mrs. Brown's girlhood was spent in the Reed residence in which the Kalamazoo museum is located. She attended school in Detroit, Michigan, and, after continuing her education in Germany, France and England, Miss Reed and her mother travelled extensively in the United States and abroad. It was while she and her mother were spending the winter in Warm Springs, Georgia, she met Mr. Brown. It was a strange coincidence that her mother died the day Mr. and Mrs. Brown were married.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown made their home in Kalamazoo their entire married life except for considerable time spent abroad. They travelled extensively in the United States and foreign countries. Annually for thirty years, the couple took European and world cruises, and visited virtually every country in the world. They made at least two round-the-world trips, and there was scarcely a point of interest and scenic beauty in the United States they did not visit.

Mrs. Brown was prominent in social activities in Kalamazoo for many years. She belonged to the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the National Arts club of New York



City. She was an active supporter of the Civic theater, the Symphony orchestra, and of the museum. She possessed an extensive collection of antiques. Some of her furniture was given to the Kalamazoo museum and other articles were given to the Metropolitan museum in New York.

During the World War Mrs. Brown was a tireless worker in the Kalamazoo Red Cross canteen. During that time her husband was a dollar-a-year worker in Dartmouth, England. She was a driver for the women's transport corps in Kalamazoo and Camp Custer.

Mrs. Brown had a wide acquaintance in Kalamazoo and stirred the admiration of her many friends by the courage she displayed during her illness, which ended in death September 1, 1939.

Before her death Mrs. Brown had expressed the idea that since her father and grandfather had made and saved their money in Kalamazoo, the people of the city should be benefitted by what remained of it when she was through with it. And so in her will she provided real estate and stocks estimated to be worth something more than four hundred thousand dollars should be turned over to the Kalamazoo Foundation.





At the outbreak of the World War Mr. Brown attempted to enlist with the United States forces, but because of age limits was not accepted. Not thwarted in his endeavor to serve his country other than as a patriotic citizen in home service, he enlisted with the American Red Cross and was sent overseas for duty. He was commissioned a captain in this service.

Returning to Kalamazoo after the Armistice, Mr. Brown resumed his place in the business and industrial life of the city.

In addition to travel, Mr. Brown found relaxation and recreation in playing golf, and in earlier years, in tennis. He was ardent and expert in golf until he fractured his shoulder in 1933 and had to retire from that sport. He was an enthusiastic base ball fan, and was an active leader in organizing a professional base ball program in Kalamazoo at one time.

He was also the organizer of the Kalamazoo Chapter of the Navy League, which served to great advantage to the nation during the World War.

At the time of his death Mr. Brown was president of the Reed Foundry and Machine Company; president of the Kalamazoo Trading Company; vice





president of the Kalamazoo Railway Supply Company; vice president of the Bryant Paper Company; vice president of the Park-American Hotel Company; director of the Home Savings Bank; and director of the Master-Craft Corporation.

He had been president of the Kalamazoo Country club, Gull Lake Country club, and the Park club at various times. He contributed generously to the Kalamazoo Symphony orchestra, which he termed "the best orchestra of its size in the country."

One of Mr. Brown's prized possessions was the President's cup, won by him at the Kalamazoo Golf club tourney in 1916. He also won numerous other awards in golfing, and was tennis champion in Georgia in his younger years.

Although advancing in years, Mr. Brown remained active in business and industry up to the week before his death. He was known among his acquaintances for his congeniality and his keen wit and sense of humor.

Death came to Mr. Brown at his home, 112 Bulkley street, Kalamazoo, at 11:30 A. M., March 13, 1940. Burial was in Mountain Home cemetery.

He was survived by his sister, Mrs. George B. DuBois; two nieces, Constance Reed DuBois, Chevy

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Chase, Maryland, and Mrs. Z. A. Terry, Baltimore, Maryland; six nephews, George B. DuBois, Jr., Chevy Chase, Maryland, James R. Brown, Ashburn, Georgia, Joseph E. Brown, Orlando, Florida, James R. Brown, Cartersville, Georgia, and Julian E. Brown, Calhoun, Georgia, and Lewis W. Brown, Perry, Georgia; and several cousins, grand nieces and grand nephews.







Lloyd Martin Brown



L L O Y D   M A R T I N   B R O W N .

Lloyd Martin Brown was born in Allegan, Michigan, June 4, 1901. He was graduated from the public schools of that city and from Albion College and Drew Theological Seminary. He served as assistant pastor of the Burton Heights parish in Grand Rapids in 1928 and 1929, following student charges at Albion and Madison, New Jersey. From Grand Rapids he went to Vicksburg for two years and the next two years he served at Damon and Comstock churches near Kalamazoo.

Lloyd Martin Brown possessed abundant equipment for wide and useful service in the Kingdom of God. He fed his intellectual life on solid nutriment that made for strength of mind and virility of faith. He was one of those few ministers who used the Greek New Testament. Lloyd was not content to take the easy way of others' interpretations. He delighted to dig out translations and arrive at truth by himself. No wonder he developed virile sinews of the mind and dazzled us again and again with the brilliancy and originality of his comments.

Put him in a Seminar group anywhere and those present soon knew that a searching and analytical mind was present. With his keen sense of values and rare penetration he could make fine discriminations and sift the wheat from the chaff.



More and more he moved with sure step in the high planes of the soul. Faith for him was not blind credulity, yet humbly he trusted "the soul's invincible surmise and was led into the thinking of the thought divine."

Lloyd Brown had much to give in talented leadership and he gave it. Young people in the Institutes profited by his brilliant teaching. Children in the parish knew his shepherd heart and were trained conscientiously for Church membership. Men of the community found in him a man among men - clean, inspiring, with friendly and helpful understanding of their interests. At the time of his death he was the President of the Kalamazoo District Epworth Leagues.

His avocation was wood-working. And he was a good workman. In spirit and in craftsmanship he had kinship with the Carpenter of Nazareth. The touch of his handiwork is everywhere present in the home that he loved.

Michigan Methodism lost one of its most promising young ministers shortly before Conference 1933, in the sudden passing of The Reverend Lloyd M. Brown. In July he was taken ill, but his physical condition was not known to be serious until three weeks before he passed away. A thorough medical





examination disclosed that he was a victim of acute leukemia and that he had but a short time to be with us here. He faced the verdict heroically and kept his rendezvous with death like a good soldier of Jesus Christ, conscious of his rectitude of conduct in life here and confident that God would open the door of new life to him over there.

Friday evening, September 15, 1933, Brother Lloyd Brown (called by some "the flying parson" because of his keen interest in aviation) after a cerebral hemorrhage, took off in a final flight to the skies of God. Somewhere on the flying fields of Heaven's tablelands he has been welcomed by the Father of our spirits who keeps the beacons burning that we may not lose the way home in the night.

Funeral services were held in the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Kalamazoo on September 18, with W. F. Kendrick, District Superintendent, and D. Stanley Coors in charge. As far as possible the arrangements were carried out as made by Brother Brown in anticipation of the services to be held. Brothers W. H. Helrigel and Raymond Spurlock and L. H. Cone of the Episcopal Church, Allegan, assisted. A large company of ministers sang the hymn he had chosen, "We May Not Climb the Heavenly Steeps to Bring The Lord Christ Down." Mr. James M. Shackle-

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ton, organist, gave the musical setting of comfort and faith in playing "Lead, Kindly Light," as had also been requested. A brief service was held at the grave with Brother Harold Weston assisting. Burial was made at Allegan.

He is survived by the widow, the former Ruth Thatcher of Battle Creek, and by a son, Richard Hugh Brown, two and one-half years old. There also survive him his father, Burdette Brown, and four brothers, Darl, Gordon, Glen and Lawrence.

We here thank the Master of all good workmen for this noble friend, highly endowed in abilities and qualities of hand and heart and mind. We thank Him for this high soul who took the high road and kept it to the end.

(The foregoing was written in 1936)



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Louis W. Brown

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L O U I S   W H I T M A R S H   B R O W N

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Louis Whitmarsh Brown was born in Eagle Harbor, New York, February 21, 1875, son of Laura P. Hayden and Henry F. Brown of English descent.

Louis was reared in Eagle Harbor until he was thirteen years of age, when his father died and the mother and three boys came to live with Loren Hayden northeast of Parchment.

Louis attended the rural school where he resided and later the Woodward School in Kalamazoo.

About 1903 he engaged in electrical work with the Columbia Electric Company in Kalamazoo. He worked for this company more than thirty years, retiring in January 1936. In 1933, Mr. Brown went to reside in Plainwell and lived there until his death. Mr. Brown lived with his mother and grand mother until his mother died in April 1921.

Mr. Brown was married twice. The first wife was Ruby O'Meara, whom he married October 27, 1921. She died in 1924. The second wife was Eva L. Brown Burroughs. They were married February 27, 1929.

Louis W. Brown had a very wide acquaintance. He knew many people and made many friends. He always





noted their good qualities and never was looking for faults.

Louis Brown had two brothers, Albert F., of Columbus, Ohio, and Frank H., of Kalamazoo. Both the Browns and the Haydens were old families of Revolutionary descent, and one of the families was distantly related to Admiral Dewey.

Louis Brown was the father of one daughter, Amber, who married C. J. Rittenger of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mr. Brown was a Republican in politics and attended the First Congregational Church in Kalamazoo, and had planned to unite with it. His grand parents, the Haydens, were charter members of that church.

Louis W. Brown died May 11, 1936. The funeral was conducted by the Reverend Harold Hamilton, of Plainwell. Burial was in Riverside cemetery.





H. L. Robinson



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Robert Brown

R O B E R T   R .   B R O W N

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Robert R. Brown was born in Howell, Michigan, January 31st, 1910, the son of Roy K. Brown and Mrs. Mabel Brown.

Robert attended school in Howell, Michigan, until he reached the age of nine years when he moved with his parents to Kalamazoo, Michigan, after which he attended the schools of the latter city.

When Robert left school he worked with his father in the fur business.

At the age of seventeen Robert went to Howell to live with his grand-father until he was twenty years of age. During this time he bought furs for his father.

Robert then returned to Kalamazoo and worked in his father's office.

At the age of twenty-one Robert engaged in the trucking business with one truck. The demand for his services grew until there were six trucks in his fleet hauling paper from paper mills in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.





Robert Brown was a young man of unusually fine appearance, with a pleasant smile and a genial manner, talented in music and of a serious and religious mind. He was much interested in reading and played the violin. The growth of his business bears witness to his ability as a business man.

On January twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred thirty-five, two days before his twenty-fifth birth-day, came the shocking report that Robert had come to a violent death, leaving the father, Roy K. Brown, the mother, Mrs. Mabel Brown, one brother, Richard, one sister, Miss Jessie Brown, and the aged grandmother, Mrs. Ella Brown of Howell, Michigan, to mourn his loss; also Mrs. Laura Townsend, grand mother.

#### REMEMBER

Remember me when I am gone away,  
Gone far away into the silent land;  
When you can no more hold me by the hand,  
Nor I half turn to go, yet turning stay.  
Remember me when no more day by day  
You tell me of our future that you plann'd:  
Only remember me; you understand  
It will be late to counsel then or pray.  
Yet if you should forget me for a while  
And afterwards remember, do not grieve:  
For if the darkness and corruption leave  
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,  
Better by far you should forget and smile  
Than that you should remember and be sad.

Christina G. Rossetti

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L O U I S    B U I S K O O L

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Louis Buiskool was born in Groningen, the Netherlands, May 25, 1881, son of Harm and Elizabeth Krozer Buiskool.

In 1895, he came to Kalamazoo, Michigan, and found employment with the Dewing Lumber Company for about two years, after which he worked for about two years in a shoe store next to Fred Appeldoorn's shoe store where he was employed for the rest of his life.

May 29, 1907, he was married to Gertrude Moss, who was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 1, 1896, and died September 27, 1940. She was the daughter of John and Helen Carr Moss of Holland descent. She attended school in Grand Rapids and was for a time bookkeeper for the Hekman Biscuit Company in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Buiskool became the parents of:

Herman, who married Dorothy VandeBunte, and resides now, in 1943, at 121 Gilkison street in Kalamazoo, Michigan;

John L., who married Tona Luteyn, became the father of  
Jeanine, born [redacted], and  
John Leonard, born June 9, 1942, and





resides at 518 Williams street, Kalamazoo, Michigan;

Elizabeth, who married Marinus VanderLugt, and they became the parents of Gertrude Marie, born [redacted], and Gary Lee, born [redacted], and reside at 114 Reed street, Kalamazoo, Michigan;

Cornelius, who married Ruth Kunselman and they became the parents of Ruth Ann December 22, 1942 - he is in the United States Army and Ruth resides with John's family at 518 Williams street, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Louis Buiskool had the following brothers and sister:

Garrett, who resides at 1007 Lay Boulevard, Kalamazoo, Michigan;

Henry, who resides at 704 Axtell street, Kalamazoo, Michigan; and

Grace, who married Harm Viswat and resides at 1121 Douglas Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Mrs. Buiskool's brothers and sisters were as follows:

Tina, who married John Zylstra and is deceased;

Jessie, who married Reverend Seth VanderWerf and resides in Holland, Michigan;

Cornelius, who resides in Jenison, Michigan;

Winnifred, who married (1) Edward Hekman, (2) Peter Ezinga and resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan;

Abbie, deceased;

Elizabeth, deceased;



Frederick, deceased;

Celia, who married William Monsema and resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In personal appearance Louis Buiskool was about six feet, one inch tall, weighed about 185 pounds and had dark brown hair and blue eyes. He greatly enjoyed trout fishing and made trips to Northern Michigan for that purpose. He liked to travel and made a trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Buiskool began housekeeping on what is now Princeton avenue in Kalamazoo and lived there for two years. The remainder of their lives they lived at 518 Williams street, Kalamazoo.

Mr. Buiskool was a member of the Holland American Society and of the Second Christian Reformed Church. He was a friendly man and during the thirty years he sold shoes for Fred Appeldoorn he made a host of friends whom he served with the finest courtesy.

When one of his sons was asked what he wanted to say for his father, he replied, "He was the best dad a man ever had."

Death came to Mr. Buiskool Tuesday, May 5, 1942, at 520 Elm street, Kalamazoo, after a lingering illness. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, the Reverend B. Van Someren, and burial was in Mt. EverRest cemetery.











J A Y   L Y L E   B U R G E

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Jay Lyle Burge was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, July 23, 1921, the son of Lyle Perry and Gertrude K. Kruizenga Burge.

Lyle Perry Burge was born September 15, 1900, son of Jason and Belle Reid Burge of Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. Jason Burge were also the parents of Floyd, who married Marie Scharer and lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Gertrude K. Kruizenga was the daughter of John Kruizenga, who was born in Holland, and Grace Zanniga Kruizenga, who was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, of Holland parents. Mr. and Mrs. John Kruizenga were also the parents of:

Carl, who married Cora Vander Wall and became the father of Jeannette;

Herman, who married Gertrude Werkman and they became the parents of John;

Martin, who married Leah Breese and they became the parents of Raymond;

Jake, who married (1) Sadie Hoebeke and they became the parents of Lucille, married (2) Trena Schrier;

Ben, who married Doris Revore and they became the parents of Grace;



Alice, who married Jack Gryson and they became the parents of Dale Jack;

John, who married Mable Stanzwaik and they became the parents of Kenneth John.

Lyle Perry Burge and Gertrude Kruizenga were married by the Reverend Sidney Bullock November 15, 1919, and lived for a time on North Edwards street in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Later they moved to North street and then to 1357 North Edwards street, purchasing the home which previously belonged to Mrs. Burge's family.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Perry Burge also became the parents of: Robert Howard, born [REDACTED], who is now, 1943, in the service of the United States government studying meteorology at the University of Virginia; and of Donald Gene, who was born [REDACTED].

All three boys attended the Lincoln and the Central High Schools in Kalamazoo. Jay Lyle Burge was graduated from Central High School in 1939, and had taken typing and shorthand. While in school he had helped to pay expenses with a paper route for the Kalamazoo Gazette.

His first employment after finishing school was with the Bryant Paper Company, after which he had a clerical position in the office of the Foundry of the Fuller Manufacturing Company.





August 1, 1942, Jay Lyle Burge was married to Miss Helen Kolodizielzyck at Bowling Green, Ohio. September 8, 1942, he was sent to Fort Custer and from there to Fort McClellan, Alabama. He was stationed for a time at Fort Slocum, in the state of New York and at Camp Miles Standish in Massachusetts. He left the country some time in January, 1943, and was on one of the two transport ships torpedoed in the North Atlantic February 2, 1943, the same day that Pvt. Edward G. Ritchie of Kalamazoo was also lost in the North Atlantic.

Jay Lyle Burge was six feet, two inches in height, of slender build with black curly hair and blue eyes and handsome features, which made him stand out in any crowd.

In school he won letters in base ball and basket ball and later played on the basket ball team of the Fuller Manufacturing Company.

Jay attended the Bethel Baptist Church, his parents having raised him in that faith. Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Perry Burge watched carefully over their three sons and were repaid by the results, namely, three fine, straightforward, manly boys.

Jay read extensively, liked to fish, and spent his leisure in worth while pursuits. He was a fine specimen of physical manhood and took life with a





smile. He was neat in appearance, gentlemanly in demeanor, Christian in his attitudes, and a loyal soldier in the hour of his country's need.

Long after World War II is only a bitter memory, the people of Kalamazoo will have a warm place in their memories for this young son of hers, Jay Lyle Burge, on his way to take an active part in preserving their freedom.









C A R R I E   W H E E L E R   B U R N H A M

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Carrie Wheeler Burnham was born near Texas  
Corners Kalamazoo County, Michigan, October 1, 1862,  
daughter of Nancy Jane Arnold and Chauncey Wheeler,  
of English and Scotch descent. She was educated in  
the school in the community in which she was reared.

Carrie Wheeler married Edward Thomas Burnham  
March 28, 1878. Mr. Burnham was born November 4,  
1847, and died October 21, 1916. They were the pa-  
rents of the following children: Charles O., born  
February 24, 1879, died July 1, 1914; Ida M., born  
October 6, 1884, married Grover Meachum and resides  
in Kalamazoo; Harry E., born December 19, 1887, mar-  
ried Grace Hanichen, resides in Kalamazoo; Daniel.,  
born August 2, 1892, married Bertha Pogue, resides in  
Kalamazoo; Claude A., born August 2, 1896, married  
Dorothy Randall, resides in Kalamazoo; Carrie V.,  
born September 15, 1898, died July 1901; Ruth V., born  
January 16, 1902, married Charles Whitelock, resides  
in Kalamazoo. Mr. and Mrs. Burnham had twenty-four  
grand children and four great grand children.

Mrs. Burnham was a member of the Women's Benefit





Association, and for fifty years had been a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Kalamazoo. She was very fond of piecing and sewing and faithfully performed the duties of wife and mother.

Death came to Mrs. Burnham June 27, 1936. The funeral was conducted by the Reverend Richard F. Barram, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church. Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Paw Paw, Michigan.

Written August 17, 1936







Oscar E. Burnham



## O S C A R   E   B U R N H A M

Oscar E. Burnham was born on a farm near Fulton, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, October 27, 1881. He was the son of Ashabel and Emily Rennison Burnham, who located in that vicinity in the 1860's. The maternal grandparents came from England. In 1861, Mr. Ashabel Burnham came to Kalamazoo County from Hartland, Ohio. The mother, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., came to Michigan in 1868.

During his youth, Oscar Burnham lived on farms near Galesburg and was educated in the school of that village.

Mr. Burnham loved the land,- the "good earth", and retained his interest in agriculture until his death. He owned and managed three farms in Kalamazoo County,- a dairy farm near Parchment, a fruit farm at West Lake, and a farm near Augusta. At various times he was also interested in the developments of the Fairfield plat at Coldwater, and one east of Parchment. His first development of plats was that of Summer Home Park, Long Lake. The West Lake plat of one hundred and twenty acres, known as West Lake Acres, was a project dear to his heart.

All but six months of the fifty-one years of his





life were spent in Kalamazoo County, and he had identified himself with many of its interests.

Mr. Burnham was President of the Kalamazoo Real Estate Board, but resigned as President in 1919, to become associated in a pedigreed stock partnership, in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Real Estate Board of Directors at the time of his death. For a year or more, he was associated with Arnold C. Corstange in the Real Estate business, but later shared an office with Attorney Joseph S. Folz in the Kalamazoo National Bank Building. He was a member of the Masonic Order and was affiliated with the Presbyterian Church.

On December 30, 1903, Mr. Burnham was united in marriage to Miss Cora Nicholson, a schoolmate who resided near Galesburg. There were two children born to them, - Clifford, who passed away in 1927, at the age of 19, and Clarice, who in 1935 was married to Mr. Wallace Buswell.

After being in ill health for some time, Oscar E. Burnham passed away on January 20, 1933, leaving the widow and the daughter, Clarice, and two sisters, - Mrs. Alonzo Horsfall, and Mrs. Raymond Haas to mourn the loss of a devoted husband, father and brother. At the time this is written Mrs. Ashabel Burnham resides in Kalamazoo.











J A N E   D E N T   B U T C H E R

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Jane Dent was born in Cambridge, England, June 11, 1851, daughter of Isaac and Jane Whitworth Dent. Isaac was a well known and well liked veterinary surgeon. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Dent were also the parents of Isaac, Whitworth, Thomas, Mary, Emma, Ann and Sarah. The children attended a private school, there being no free schools in that day.

In 1868, the parents with their three boys and one of their daughters, Jane, came to this country and purchased a farm near Flowerfield, Michigan, where Isaac continued his practice as a veterinary. The boys helped their father in the hard task of clearing the farm, which eventually included 300 acres. The family attended the United Brethren Church. In England, Jane Dent was a member of the Methodist Church, of which her mother was member.

In September, 1872, Jane Dent was married to Robert Butcher of Vicksburg, Michigan. The couple purchased a farm near Vicksburg, where they lived for forty years together.

Mr. Butcher passed away January 13, 1912. He





belonged to the Masons and was well known in and around Vicksburg and throughout Kalamazoo county. For a time he served his township as supervisor.

After Mr. Butcher's death, Mrs. Butcher sold the farm and it became the property of the Prudential Nursery Company. Mrs. Butcher and her daughter, an only child, Charlotte Jane, moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan, and bought a home on West Walnut street. They disposed of this property and eventually, after some other real estate ventures, bought the home at 418 Hilbert street, where Mrs. Butcher passed away June 24, 1943, having been tenderly cared for by her daughter Charlotte.

Funeral services were conducted by the Reverend LeRoy Lightfoot, pastor of the Vicksburg Methodist Church, and burial was in the Vicksburg cemetery beside the body of her husband.

In personal appearance Mrs. Butcher was about five feet, two inches tall, of medium build, with chestnut colored hair and blue eyes. She presented an attractive appearance, taking pride in being neatly and suitably dressed.

She retained all her faculties until her death. At ninety-two years of age she was able to read and discuss current topics and was interested in the



affairs of the day. She had an outstanding personality and a remarkably good memory. Through the seventy-five years since she left England she had kept up a correspondence with friends and relatives and after they passed away she wrote to their next generations.

Mrs. Butcher possessed good business ability, which was evident in her buying and selling property. She was also a good manager. All her life she was alert for opportunities to help others. She was very hospitable and enjoyed meeting old friends and making new ones. She was a successful gardener and loved the beauty of flowers and the beauty of nature wherever she found it. She was an excellent seamstress, cook and housekeeper, affectionate and kind in her home, and was always a Christian in her attitude toward others.



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 there for her children to help others. She was  
 very religious and enjoyed reading the Bible and  
 making new ones. She was a practical person and  
 loved the beauty of things and the beauty of nature.  
 She was the first of the war of rebellion.  
 She was a good and honest, affectionate and  
 kind in her heart, and was always a Christian in her  
 attitude towards others.



L. S. Robinson

Samuel Burma



S A M U E L   B U U R M A .

Samuel Buurma was born on August 6, 1873 in Nieuwolde, Providence Gronengen, Netherlands, the son of Henry and Henricka Drenth Buurma. Mr. Buurma was fifteen years of age when he came to Kalamazoo and was first employed as a foreman at the Brook farm, north of the city.

In 1897 he started in the fuel business in Kalamazoo on a capital investment of \$10. At first he bought wood and re-sold it from a one horse wagon with which he visited the homes. He was then 21 years of age and six months previously had wed Miss Helen Tolhuizen, of this city. The fuel business under the direction of the owner maintained a steady growth until at present the Buurma Coal Company, with offices at 315 East Frank Street, is among the leading concerns of the kind in this city.

Samuel H. Buurma died at his home, 1215 North Westnedge Avenue, Sunday morning, January 21, 1935, after a long illness. He underwent an operation at Ann Arbor more than a year ago and had been in failing health since that time.

Surviving besides the widow, Helen, is the son, Harm Buurma, Kalamazoo, who for a number of years has assisted his father in the coal business; two



daughters, Mrs. Henrietta Boylan and Mrs. Trina Haan, both of this city; two brothers, Gerrit Buurma, Kalamazoo, and Frank Buurma, Willard, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Dykehouse, Grand Rapids; and Mrs. Winnie Donkebrook, Kalamazoo, and three grandchildren.

Services were held at the Langeland funeral home, the Reverend G. J. Haan, officiating. Interment was in Riverside cemetery.











M E R R I T T   E L L S W O R T H   C A L K I N S

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Merritt Ellsworth Calkins was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 16, 1908, the son of Ross E., and Meda Moore Calkins of English and Welsh descent. He attended school in Kalamazoo and was graduated from the high school in 1927 and then attended Western State Teachers College for four years.

Mr. Calkins was naturally musical and got his start in the high school band under Cleo Fox. His father helped him when he was a small boy. He took harmony and composition under H. Glenn Henderson and became a well known trumpeter and was prominent among musicians in the West and South where he traveled extensively.

Mr. Calkins played trumpet with several well known bands and orchestras and had recognized ability as an arranger. Several of his orchestral arrangements are being used by dance bands throughout the country.

On account of ill health Mr. Calkins left the road about 1934, after which his professional engagements were mostly with the Parchment band and an



occasional dance engagement. He became associated with LeRoy Osborne in band and entertainment booking and had been issued a booker's license by the American Federation of Musicians. He had also undertaken the study of harmony and composition and had planned to make this branch of music his entire career.

Mr. Calkins became a member of the American Federation of Musicians in 1928, at the age of twenty, and had held continuous membership since that time. He had been employed in the shipping department at the Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Company for about five years.

He invented one of the first music racks which covered the feet and it was manufactured by Jerry Knapper and was later sold to him. He was on the road with Duane Yates and several other bands for five years.

December 18, 1933, he was married to Eloise Funk, of Grand Island, Nebraska.

Mr. Calkins united with the Parchment Community Methodist Church December 27, 1936. In politics he was a Republican and for recreation enjoyed golf and fishing. Death came to him October 26, 1939. the funeral was conducted by the Reverend W. H. Helrigel and burial was in Riverside cemetery.











M E L B O U R N E   S H E R W O O D   C A R L

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Private First Class Melbourne Sherwood Carl died at Percy Jones Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan, March 20, 1946, as the result of illness contracted in service overseas. His serial number was 36187386 and he was a member of Battery D 951 (AAA) Automatic Weapons Battalion. He earned four Battle Stars and numerous campaign ribbons. His body was laid to rest in Mountain Home cemetery at Otsego, Michigan.

Birth and Education

Melbourne, affectionately called "Nub", was born in Otsego, Michigan, October 20, 1919, son of Delmar Carl, who was born in Pine Grove, Michigan, May 25, 1889, and Mabel Sherwood Carl, born in Otsego, Michigan, November 4, 1889. They were married in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and set up their home in Otsego, Michigan, and also became the parents of:

Morris, born June 29, 1910, in Otsego, Michigan, married Marilla Gates and they became the parents of  
Marva June, born March 7, 1930, and  
reside in Kalamazoo, Michigan;



Merton J., born September 2, 1915, married Kathryn Van Epps and they became the parents of Susie Kay, born [redacted]; and

Mabel Lorraine, born August 6, 1918, married Willard Brooks and they became the parents of Nancy Lee, born [redacted], and Carleen, born [redacted], and reside now, in 1946, in Watson township, Allegan county, Michigan.

Melbourne Carl attended the public schools in Otsego, Michigan, and was in the eleventh grade when he decided to go to work at the Allied Paper Mills in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he stayed most of the time until he was called into the armed service and left home August 8, 1942. He went first to Fort Custer and was sent from there to Camp Wallace, Texas, for training in the Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft. He then went to point of embarkation at San Francisco, California, in October, 1942, and landed in the Fiji Islands, where he remained for about a year.

His next landing was at Bougainville, where he volunteered for the invasion and was stationed there for about one year. He was also in combat in Guadalcanal and the invasion of the Philippine Islands. He saw forty-one months of service overseas and was returned to Seattle, Washington, in December 1945, on account of illness. He was sent to Fort Sheridan on December 23, 1945, and was



Herbert, born September 2, 1915, married  
 Kathryn Ann Ryan and they became the  
 parents of  
 Julie Kay, born September 21, 1944, and  
 David Douglas, born August 1, 1946, married  
 Mildred Brown and they became the  
 parents of  
 Wendy Lee, born October 15, 1947, and  
 Carolyn, born October 30, 1949, and  
 David Lee, born 1945, in Adams Township,  
 Livingston County, Michigan.  
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 in December 1945, on account of illness. He was  
 sent to Fort Sheridan in December 23, 1945, and was

in the hospital for a few days. He was then sent home for four days, after which he returned to Fort Sheridan and on January 10, 1946, was transferred to Percy Jones Hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan, where he died.

#### Personal Characteristics

Melbourne Carl was five feet ten and one-half inches tall, slender in build, and had dark brown hair, blue eyes and a fair skin.

He was a boy who liked to participate in clean sports, especially out of door sports. He appreciated good music and was a graceful figure on the dance floor.

Before going into service he had a car and liked to tinker with it. He had a talent for mechanics and would have liked to work at that sort of employment, but he was put on the big guns.

"Nub" was a jolly chap and liked to joke and even when he was very ill wanted to make others happy. He radiated good humor and refused to be considered as seriously ill as he was. He even offered to give up his bed to patients more in need, little dreaming - or not admitting - that he was the most desperately ill of all.

Melbourne liked to go to Church and Sunday school and was active in his younger days and







renewed his interest and activity when overseas.

He was a gallant soldier, a devoted son and a loving and tender brother in the home. He fully deserves to be honored as another of Kalamazoo's fine young men who counted their country's welfare worth more than life.







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Mr. & Mrs. Carl Axel Carlson

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Carl Axel Carlson was born in Sweden November 19, 1878, son of Carl and Louise Carlson. He had one brother, Oscar Carlson.

Carl attended school for a time and then went to work in a steel mill. In 1902, he emigrated to Morris, Illinois, and followed the occupation of an iron moulder. It was in that city that he met and married Miss Freda Goldberg, who was also born in Sweden, the date being April 4, 1878. She had a sister, Louise.

At the age of thirteen Freda came alone to her grandparents, who resided in Morris, Illinois. She was very seasick and homesick on the journey but often related how kind the fellow passengers were to her. By some strange fate the boat on which she first bought passage was overloaded and she had to wait until another boat was ready to go. Later she learned that the first boat was sunk in mid-ocean.

The young girl quickly learned to speak English and soon found work and after several years was able





to send for her sister. Carl Carlson boarded with Freda's grandparents and on July 20, 1905, Carl and Freda were married by the Reverend J. Linder. They had already purchased their home, so began house-keeping at once, and in this home their only child, Corinne, was born.

When Corinne was yet a small child, the family moved to Lowell, Michigan, where the father farmed and Corinne began attending school. From Lowell the family moved to Kalamazoo, where the daughter completed her schooling and was graduated from Parson's Business College, after which she secured a position in the office of the Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Company, where she has worked ever since.

In Kalamazoo, Mr. Carlson found employment as a moulder with the Clarage Fan Company and other foundries. At the time of this writing in 1942 he is employed in the Water Department of the City of Kalamazoo. The daughter, Corinne, married John H. Noble, whose story appears in this volume.

Mr. Carlson became a naturalized citizen of this country and joined the Modern Woodmen; Mrs. Carlson joined the Royal Neighbors.

In personal appearance, Mr. Carlson was about five feet, eleven inches tall, had black hair in his



younger days and has blue eyes. Mrs. Carlson was a little under medium height and had brown hair and blue eyes.

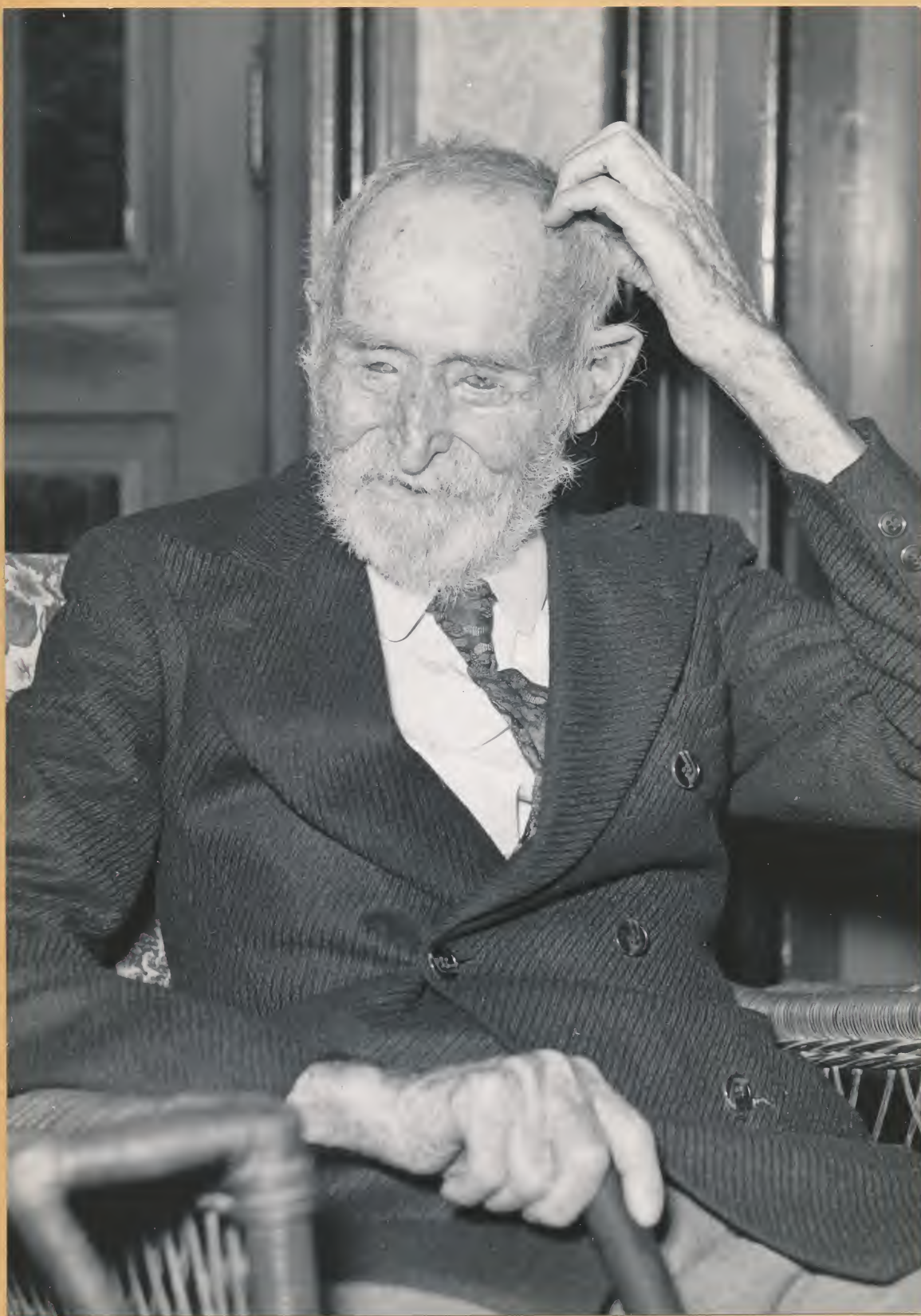
Mr. and Mrs. Carlson had long been interested in the International Bible Society and were Christian people. Good citizens were they, and good neighbors, friendly, kind and loving.

Mrs. Carlson's death, after a week's illness, occurred July 19, 1939, at the family residence, 1016 Hays Park Avenue, Kalamazoo. Funeral services were conducted by the Reverend Louis Hildebrandt of the International Bible Society, and burial was in Riverside cemetery, Kalamazoo.

After Mrs. Carlson's death, the daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Noble, resided with her father. Following Mr. Noble's death in June, 1942, Corinne and her father continued to reside at the Hays Park Avenue address.







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Oscar Fitzland Carleton



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Oscar Fitzland Carleton was born in Middlebury, Wyoming County, New York, January 12, 1838, son of Betsy Ingersoll and Albert Carleton of English descent. At about the age of eleven the family moved to Comstock, Michigan and Oscar attended school in the Lee neighborhood about midway between Galesburg and Kalamazoo on the South side of the Kalamazoo river. He remained at home and helped his father until he was twenty-one.

Mr. Carleton then went to California in 1859, where he remained for two years and then spent four years in Nevada, where the silver mines were first opened in 1861. Mr. Carleton worked on a ranch and in a brick yard and in a mine at Austin, Nevada, making his home in Carson City most of the time.

In 1865, Mr. Carleton returned to Michigan and settled on a farm on Center road in Comstock township, where he resided until April 1938, when the family moved to 822 South Burdick street, Kalamazoo. He farmed the one hundred twenty acres until he was sixty-five years of age, when he turned it over to



his son, Ernest.

While in the West, Mr. Carleton cast his first ballot and also his second vote for President of the United States for Abraham Lincoln. He has always voted the Republican ticket.

Oscar Carleton had the following brothers and sisters: Gordon, born May 19, 1832, deceased; Ira, born June 28, 1834; David, born April 13, 1836; Cortland, born March 14, 1843; Smith, born May 3, 1847 and Helen, adopted, born May 10, 1849.

May 19, 1872, Oscar Carleton married Alzina Rosier, daughter of Jane Woodard and Ephraim Rosier, who resided on a farm in Indian Fields near Long Lake. They were the parents of Ernest Rosier, who was born June 8, 1875, married February 22, 1900, Grace Field, daughter of Anna Meerdink and Loren Chester Field, the last named being born July 22, 1876. Ernest Carleton died January 26, 1937. Ernest Carleton was the father of: Roy Field Carleton, born January 5, 1903, married Marian O. Boyd June 18, 1924; Clair Monroe Carleton, born October 10, 1907, married Thelma Lower August 27, 1927; Loraine Frances, born January 15, 1911, married Peter F. Geuze February 20, 1933, and is the mother of Gayle Ann, born

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When a boy Mr. Oscar Carleton had a bad cough and the family physician thought he had consumption and it was for that reason he went to California. He holds the record for longevity in his family and celebrated his one hundredth birthday January 12, 1938. However, his "kid brother", Smith, may yet claim the record since he has passed his ninety-first birthday and is still going in good health.

Oscar Carleton was brought up in the Methodist Protestant Church and has always been interested in the church and its activities.

He says, "I would advise the cultivation of good habits. I would not advise any one to abstain from hard work. Fast living is what shortens a person's life. Be temperate in eating and drinking"

Death came to Mr. Carleton Wednesday, September 28, 1938, at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Peter F. Geuze, 822 South Burdick street, Kalamazoo, where he had moved about six months before from the farm at Manhaven Corners, which he and his brother, David, had cleared in 1865.

Among memories which he cherished was that of meeting Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) when Mr. Carleton was in Carson City, Nevada, in the 1860's. He saw the American novelist during a

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short time Mr. Clemens was roughing it in the mines before turning to journalism on the Virginia Enterprise.

At the time of his death, Mr. Carleton was the oldest resident of Kalamazoo County. The funeral was conducted by the Reverend Charles K. Johnson of the First Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Maple Grove cemetery.

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Smith H. Carlton was born May 3, 1847, on Carlton Hill, near Wyoming, New York. He was the son of Albert and Betsy Ingersoll Carlton, the former a native of Vermont and cousin of Daniel Webster; the latter a native of New York. Both were native born of Revolutionary stock.

While yet a boy, Albert Carlton, the father of Smith Carlton, left Vermont and went to the state of New York and engaged in farming. In 1850 Albert Carlton came with his family to Comstock Township and settled on section twenty-nine where he remained until his death at the age of eighty-four years. Albert was a stalwart Republican and a faithful member of the Methodist Protestant Church, most of the time an official and always active. He was widely and favorably known. He was buried in Maple Grove Cemetery in South Comstock.

The brothers and sisters of Smith Carlton are: Gordon, who resided at Hillsdale, Michigan; Ira of Portage, Michigan; David, of Comstock Township; Oscar of Kalamazoo Township, still living at 94 years of age; Courtland of Kansas City, a Civil War soldier of the Sixth Michigan Infantry; Helen, wife of





Charles Van Husen, of Portage Township, Michigan.

Smith Carlton was about three years old when he came with his parents to Michigan and when he was old enough he attended the district school.

When the Civil War broke out Smith Carlton enlisted in Company K, Twenty-eighth Michigan Infantry, under John McIvor, at Kalamazoo, and went to New York City, thence to Fortress Monroe by water, and from that place to Richmond, afterward returning to the fort. The most of his active service was in North Carolina, and at the expiration of his term of enlistment, which was one year, he was discharged. When he returned to his home he brought the small-pox with him and the family became infected. The doctor bills amounted to more than he received from the Government.

During his service in Sherman's Army Smith Carlton served as Private, Corporal, Nurse, General's Orderly, Ordnance Clerk, and, for a short time, served with Baker's Secret Service in apprehending criminals in North Carolina after the War.

After the War, Mr. Carlton taught school in the winter and farmed during the summer until he married Isabel J. Vose June 19, 1869. Mrs. Carlton was born in Massachusetts August 6, 1850 and came to





Michigan with her parents while a young child. Her parents were Isaac and Betsey Beckwith Vose of Massachusetts and Vermont respectively.

Immediately after his marriage the young couple went to reside on his farm located on section Twenty-nine in Comstock Township, where they remained until 1879, when they went to Harvey County, Kansas and he engaged in teaching a border school for the school year of nine months and then returned to his former home. Up to 1888 Mr. Carlton combined teaching and farming but after that date confined his efforts to agriculture.

Mr. Carlton has held many positions of honor and responsibility: Township Supervisor, School Inspector, School Director, Highway Commissioner, Member of the Board of Review. For over 53 years he has belonged to Orcutt Post No. 73 of the Department of Michigan of the Grand Army of the Republic; is one of the two surviving Registers of Deeds in Kalamazoo County at the time of this writing (1936); correspondent for the Hutchinson News in Kansas, the Kalamazoo Telegraph, the Kalamazoo News, the Kalamazoo Gazette and the Michigan History Magazine; for twenty years was Adjutant of Orcutt Post, G. A. R.





He writes: "I have enjoyed life and hope to enjoy being dead."

Mr. Carlton resides with his only son Warren H. at 1120 March Street, Kalamazoo. Mrs. Carlton passed away September 5, 1917.



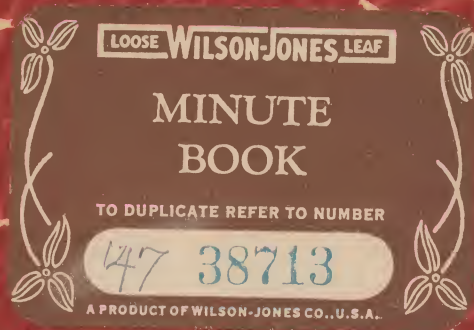














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